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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD: HABIB/SHEN
MEETING

1. ON JULY 31, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB MET WIT ROC
AMBASSADOR JAMES C.H. SHEN TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY
THAT A CHALLENGE TO CONTINUED ROC MEMBERSHIP IN THE
IMF/IBRD COULD ARISE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETINGS BEGIN-
NING SEPTEMBER 1. HABIB STATED THAT WE HAD NO INDICA-
TIONS TO DATE THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED, REASSURED
SHEN OF FIRM US SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ROC MEMBERSHIP
IN THE BANK AND FUND AND STRESSED OUR INTENT TO EMPLOY
PROCEDURAL TACTICS AT THE MEETINGS IF NECESSARY, TO
PREVENT THE ISSUE FROM COMING TO A VOTE.

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2. SHEN SAID THAT THE ROC ALSO HAD NO INDICATION THAT

THE PRC OR ITS SUPPORTERS WERE PLANNING TO PRESS THE
ISSUE THIS YEAR, BUT INFORMED HABIB THAT SAUDI ARABIA
HAD AGREED TO SPONSOR A COUNTER-RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THE
MATTER IN THE HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSS;OULD
AN EXPULSION RESOLUTION BE PROPOSED. HE INQUIRED WHETHER
WE PLANNED TO INITIATE PRE-MEETING APPROACHES TO SELECTED
FUND/BANK MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AS IN PRIOR YEARS. HABIB
REPLIED THAT WE WOULD ALERT OUR EMBASSIES TO THE

POSSIBILITY THAT THE ISSUE COULD ARISE BUT STRESSED THE
NEED TO AVOID FOCUSING UNDUE AND POTENTIALLY COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE ATTENTION ON THE ISSUE. SHEN THEN REQUESTED
OUR ASSISTANCE IN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH THE
VENEZUELAN CHAIRMAN OF THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS IN VIEW OF
THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ROC AND
VENEZUELA. HABIB AGREED TO CHECK ON THE VENEZUELAN
ATTITUDE.

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